

## **MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MAY 12, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY beginning at 7:30 pm.

Attending: Mayor David Merandy and Trustees Frances Murphy, Marie Early, Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde.

Also: William Florence, Village Attorney; Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant; Greg Phillips, Water and Wastewater Superintendent; William Bujarski, Building Inspector HDRB member Michael Junjulas, Greg Gunder, chair ZBA and Donald MacDonald, chair Planning Board; Jennifer Zwarich, chair of the Tree Advisory Board and Jack Goldstein, chair of the Code Update Committee.

Mayor Merandy opened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Early moved to remove two items from the agenda.

1. Review of the RFP for Design Standards
2. Authorizing the Mayor's signature on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Hudson River Valley Greenway.

Both of these items are not yet ready for board review. Motion seconded by Trustee Bowman and unanimously carried.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Recreation Commission Chair Jeffrey Phillips was unable to attend due to illness. At a future meeting, the board will discuss fees associated with use of recreational facilities. Planning Board Chair Donald MacDonald reported participating in a joint meeting with the Village Board on the Butterfield Realty subdivision application. A public hearing was held on the application of Richard Shea for a minor subdivision at 57 Morris Avenue. As required by code, the Planning Board will be coming to the Village Board for advice on this subdivision application. The Dunkin Donuts project on Route 9D is nearing completion and the building inspector forwarded the results of his site inspection to the Planning Board. After reviewing the final site plan, Chair MacDonald inspected the site and forwarded the board's comments to the Building Inspector.

Greg Gunder, ZBA chair reported that the board is short two members and they see replacement of these two members as a priority. No applications are currently before the ZBA.

HDRB member Michael Junjulas reported that the Historic District Review Board held public hearings on the Butterfield Realty application and on the Daly application for an addition to a residence on Garden Street. Future meetings will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting on May 14 will include an Executive Session to confer with counsel on legal interpretations related to the Butterfield Realty application.

The Cold Spring Boat Club came to an agreement with the Village Board regarding vacating the property. Their lease will be suspended for the duration of the coal tar cleanup and upon completion of the remediation they will resume their lease for the remaining eight years.

The Fire Company reported having 48 calls this year, many related to assistance provided on the mountain.

Jennifer Zwarich, chair of the Tree Advisory Board reported holding a successful Arbor Day celebration. They brought \$1,300 dollars worth of goods and services to the village. The board will be focusing on updating the tree management plan which will set forth a detailed five year action plan.

Jack Goldstein, chair of the Code Update Committee was pleased that the board is considering the appointment of Ruth Elwell. The committee is completing their review of the zoning research. The discussions at their last meeting covered a review of items related to the NYSERDA contract and the measures of success.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Early moved to approve minutes of the 4/14/15 meeting and seconded by Trustee Fadde. Vote: 4-0-1-0 with Trustee Bowman abstaining due to absence.

Trustee Early moved to approve minutes of the 4/27/2105 meeting and seconded by Trustee Bowman and unanimously carried.

Trustee Murphy moved to approve minutes of the 4/28/2015 meeting and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balances were reviewed. The sale of the \$3,202,000 BAN resulted in a 1.25% interest rate which was slightly higher than last year.

A new budget line has been created for donations to the Tree Committee. Based upon a comment at the budget hearing, the budget line formerly called Street Lights Haldane/Butterfield has been renamed Street Lights/ Safety Lights.

Trustee Fadde inquired about the status of the villages' efficiency plan. There was discussion on eligible savings/ efficiencies that could be included in the boards' plan.

In response to a question from Trustee Fadde, Trustee Early reported that the federal transportation project has proceeded into the detailed design phase. Recent conversations with Martin Evans, of the NYSDOT indicate that design phase expenditures generally total 20% of the overall project budget. The village is within these parameters and it appears that sufficient funds are available for project construction.

#### WATER AND WASTEWATER REPORTS

Site work on the waste water treatment plant aeration replacement and electrical upgrade continues with site clearing and excavation for the footings of the building. Substantial completion of the project is set for December 5, 2015.

There was a great showing at the pre-bid meeting for the Market Street Pump station replacement.

With regards to the West Street mitigation project, an underground propane tank has been installed and fill has been placed in the area where the pad for the emergency generator and electrical panels will be located.

A hydrant flush of the distribution system will begin on Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 pm. Two leaks were repaired in the distribution system which resulted in savings of approximately 50,000 gallons of water per day.

A video inspection of the water storage tanks was performed utilizing a robotic camera. A digital copy of the video as well as a written report will follow. The annual drinking water report is being prepared and will be mailed by month end.

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

There was discussion about the need to update sections of the village codes, e.g. signage. Mr. Bujarski was asked to present a written summary of the issues to the code update committee.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

In addition to collection of 60.67 tons of refuse and 13 tons of recycling, the highway department worked on drainage, vehicle maintenance, preparations for tree planting and grading dirt roads.

#### JUSTICE COURT

The Justice Court collected \$7,796.00 during the month of April.

#### REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustees Murphy and Early have been reviewing the record on the federal transportation projects and determining the current status. A meeting with the NYSDOT is planned which will be followed by a more thorough report to the board.

Trustee Bowman has been working on renewal of our general liability policy. No increase in cost is expected.

Trustee Fadde is arranging a no cost energy audit of the village buildings to explore possible energy savings.

Mayor Merandy reported attending the NYCOM conference with Trustees Early and Murphy. Mayor met with a Central Hudson representative to discuss a proposal to save money on street lighting by purchasing street lights and support arms rather than leasing. At a recent meeting with Scenic Hudson, mayor learned that there are preliminary plans to divide the Campbell property on The Boulevard and to sell off a portion and turn the remaining section into a park.

The LaBerge Group has been invited to a workshop on 5/26 to discuss grant opportunities.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Karl Rhodes, Director of Veterans Service Agency asked for participation in a county wide event and to create a Wall of Honor with pledge cards. This matter will be forwarded to the VFW.

Ian Groombridge would like to have a bench placed in front of their store and offered to purchase one similar to those provided by the village. It was decided that by moving existing benches the village could accommodate the bench request.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Mayor appointed Anthony Phillips as chair of the Parking Committee. Trustee Fadde moved to approve and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously approved.

Mayor appointed Ruth Elwell to the Code Update Committee. Trustee Early moved to approve and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously carried.

#### BILL APPROVAL

Trustee Fadde moved to approve payment of the audited bills and seconded by Trustee Early and unanimously approved.

Trustee Bowman moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk